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Sir,  
Transmitted herewith for filing is the [ X ] Utility [ ] Design patent application of:

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For **ZERO VALUE-DETECTING CIRCUIT**

Enclosed are:

[ X ] 3 sheets of drawings ( [ X ] formal [ ] informal size A4 ).  
[ X ] 18 pages of specification, including claims and abstract.  
[ X ] 21 total pages

- [ ] Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney  
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[ ] Copy from prior application  
[ ] Inventors deleted; see attached statement  
[ ] Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein  
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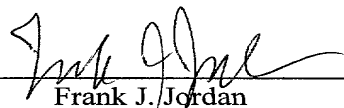
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| Total Claims  | <u>6</u>                                    | <u>0</u>     | (over 20) x \$18.00 | <u>\$710.00</u> |
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- ☐ Assignment to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement and/or Information Disclosure Citation
- ☐ English translation
- ☐ Small Entity Status is asserted.
- ☐ Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provisions of 35 USC 119.
- ☒ Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following applications under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of which certified copies ☐ will follow ☒ are enclosed ☐ have been filed in the International Bureau ☐ were filed in prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Japan Patent Application No. 2000-259036, filed August 29, 2000.**

- ☐ This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a ☐ continuation, ☐ division, ☐ continuation-in-part, of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, --

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